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— A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. \$1.9 and \$1.27 is enclosed.

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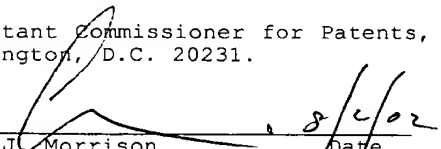
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